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Weight of 1793 Daltons

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 24, 2003, extended 3 months to March 24, 2004, for which a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 and the appropriate fee are filed concurrently herewith, kindly enter the following response:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

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